

PHILLIES WILL NOT BEGIN 1916 BASEBALL CAMPAIGN FAVORITES FOR THE FLAG

CHICAGO WILL BE FAVORITE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE AFTER TEAMS CONSOLIDATE

Chifeds Will Supply Players Needed to Bolster Cub Machine, But Local Fans Still Like the Phils' Chance to Repeat

IT IS an unusual thing for a pennant-winning team not to be a favorite to repeat the following year unless it is badly crippled during the off season...

Before the peace plans were completed it was believed that the jumping players would be sent back to the clubs they left, but the switch in plans...

Tinker's Material Best Any Team Has Had in Years

Starting the 1916 season, Joe Tinker, who is to replace Bresnahan as manager, according to Charley Weeghman's plans, will have the 45 players who were with the Cubs and Whites and the recruit material picked up by both teams...

It is certain that Bresnahan will not be with the Cubs, even if he does change his mind about retiring from active participation, but with Jimmy Archer, Arthur Wilson and Bill Fischer, the Cubs will have the most powerful catching corps in either league...

The pitching material is powerful. The 1915 staff of the Cubs, consisting of Douglas, Vaulnan, Lavender, Pierce, Humphries, Standridge, Zabel and Adams, will be available, while Claude Hendrix, Brennan, Prendergast, McConnell, Black and Mordcau Brown, of the Feds, will be added...

Hendrix Certain to Be a Leading Pitcher

Hendrix is sure to be a star, while young Karl Adams is likely to develop into one of the best hurlers in the league before the 1916 season is over...

Vic Saler will hold down first base, which assures great strength in that position. Second base and shortstop could be stronger, and it would be no great surprise if Tinker trades one of his catchers for a second baseman...

The only available men for second base are Rollie Zeider, only a fair player when in the American League, and Alex McCarthy, utility infielder of Pittsburgh until he was released to the Cubs late last season...

Regular Outfielders Will Lose Positions

The outfield material is wonderful. Cy Williams, Schulte, Wood and Murray were a strong combination for the Cubs last year, but there is hardly a chance for any of the quartet but Williams to earn a regular position next season...

With this aggregation it is not surprising the Cubs will be heavy favorites in the National League, but the greatest material is of little value without a leader capable of getting results...

Bresnahan Becomes Wealthy From Releases

It is believed that Roger Bresnahan is to be released as manager of the Cubs in favor of Joe Tinker as soon as Charley Weeghman closes the deal which will consolidate the Chicago Feds and Nationals...

Several years ago Bresnahan was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals by the Giants, so he could try his hand at managing. In 1911 Bresnahan had a great year, but a poor start and friction in the team made 1912 a stormy season...

Received His Money in Spite of Protests

The Cardinals objected strenuously, but the National Commission decided in Bresnahan's favor. He was given two years' salary and allowed to sign with the Cubs for a large salary as a plain every-day catcher...

Bresnahan is under contract with the Cubs for 1916 and 1917 and smilingly declares that it will be perfectly satisfactory to him if Weeghman releases him and appoints Joe Tinker manager of the new team...

If Bresnahan is released by the Cubs, it will be the second time within three years where he has been paid two seasons' managerial salary for failing to make good and without doing a thing to earn the money...

Brown-Washington State Game Will Be Real Battle

For the first time since the Indians invaded the West and played games on Christmas and New Year's Day there will be a holiday football contest of interest to Eastern gridiron enthusiasts...

Must Take Care of Gilmore

It might be well for organized ball to think twice before giving Gilmore the cold shoulder. If the Federal League promoter is neglected there is certain to be another baseball war in the near future...

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



WHITE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED TITLE-HOLDER

Dethronement of Fred Welsh by Default Would Please Public

18 MONTHS AS CHAMPION

Charley White, lightweight champion of the world, if a boxing authority, with any power to enforce rulings, were in existence today the left hook wonder of Chicago would be proclaimed successor to Fred Welsh as the king-pin lightweight of the universe by default...

White's \$25,000 demand for raising his title is merely a cover to enable him to go over the country and add to his bank roll by engaging in no decision matches...

Would fight fans approve the banishment of Welsh by promoter until he is engaged in a championship match? No doubt, yes.

British boxers have been quick to enter and leave the ring. The British champion, going to the front, is the American, and the American, going to the back, is the British...

There is a K. O. Jaffe, heavyweight, appearing in bouts in New York and he has been hitting the man in the act of taking.

Charley McCarthy, who meets Charley Thomas at the Olympic Year's Day, is the lightweight champion of Canada. He is a clever boxer, and has proved in his match with Sam Hobbs...

Jim Corbett's heavyweight, Tom Cowler, was offered a bout here and he wanted only \$500 for his end. The funny how boxers will fight 10 rounds in New York for \$100 or \$150 and 10 rounds in London for \$1000...

Aberg Defeats "Stranger" NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—"Stranger" Lewis, of Germany, conqueror of the Mysterious Masked Mystery, today was smothered under his first defeat in the international wrestling tournament...

Gwinner Will Retire PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 30.—President Gwinner of the Pittsburgh Federals, today declared that so far as he knows he is through with baseball. Gwinner denied the report that he had been offered a deal for the purchase of the American League Club there.

Altger Draws With Alberts BOSTON, Dec. 30.—George Altger, of Cambridge, and Ed Alberts, of Elizabeth, N. J., went to rounds to a draw last night.

Savage-Weinert Not Tonight NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Jim Savage, the only fighter who ever fought Frank Moran, will meet Charley Weinert here tonight in a 10-round go which tops the evening's grid of mitt swinging.

Americans Meet Next Thursday An account of the meeting night of the American League falling on the first Thursday of the month, there will not be a meeting of the league tonight.

LOB AN ERROR-PRODUCER AND NOT A POINT-WINNER

Tilden Tells When and How to Use This Defensive Shot in Lawn Tennis—Stroke is Analyzed

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

IT SEEMS peculiar to write on defensive shots when one of the most important of the rules of all tennis play is never to be on the defensive, but always to attack...



The greatest examples of purely defensive play around this part of the country are Stanley Pearson, Norman Swayze and Stanley Rogers. Equally as good defensively, yet with a much more dangerous attack, and this is the reason they are so much better, are Wallace Johnson, Joe Armstrong and William J. Clothier...

Defensive play should never be adopted as the foundation of your tennis game. It will never win you a big title and very seldom beat a good man; in fact, never, unless he is off his game. It is absolutely essential, however, to fill in a brilliant study and, if possible, copy.

First—When you are out of position and need time to get back, while your opponent has position at the net. You have to get back and take it on the fall their on a lob that any other shot in tennis, and therefore when you are hurried and need time to get back to position, lob, and lob high.

Second—Lob when your opponent has had a hard run after a short shot to the net and is drawn out of position. Use the flat, low lob, since the chop lob would give to him time to follow.

Third—Lob any shot that comes too fast to drive when your opponent has net position and you have back court.

In doubles the clearest lob is the deep one between the two men, for if one man goes back and takes it on the fall their work is momentarily broken up, while if he allows it to drop then the opposing team can gain the net and kill the return at the partner's feet. Then, too, there is the chance of the two men getting mixed and either both trying for it or both letting it go. The lob is the "sure-getter" in doubles. If you want to break up a team that you can not beat by a straight attack just place out one man, and every time you get the ball lob high and deep to him. Unless he is remarkable overhead he will sooner or later get nervous and start to miss. An excellent example of such an instance was Dwight Meigs in the doubles finals at Norristown last spring. He was very good overhead, but the consistent lobbing of the opposing team, who used a motto of "in the pinch lob to Meigs," simply "rot his goat," and "he blew," missing shot after shot toward the end of the match was not that he was poor, but rather the good lobbying of the opposing team that did it.

The foot work of the lob is exactly the same as for all other shots, for the forehead the left foot in front and right back, while for the backhand lob it is exactly reversed.

Do not aim to put a lob clear over a man's racket and have it bounce in the court. If you do you will put it out. Try to put your lob so that it will have to either jump or run back and reach for it. In other words, do not try to make an earned point on a lob, make your opponent miss his shot. It is very seldom that one should try to make a clean point with a lob except in the case where your opponent has been drawn out of position close to the net, and then you can lob for the front.

My next article will be on "The Chop Stroke and Defensive Drive."

Andrew Malpass

Although he goes about his work very quietly, Andrew Malpass, president of the Wanderers' F. C., is exceedingly active in local amateur soccer circles. For the last five years he has been boosting the game, and has done some very efficient work. The high standing of the Wanderers' team in the Allied League at the present time is greatly due to his efforts, and nothing less than the championship will satisfy him.

JIM COFFEY CAN BEAT WILLARD, DECLARES GIBSON

Effort Being Made to Substitute Irish Giant for Fred Fulton

CHANCES ARE GOOD

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Billy Gibson, manager of Jim Coffey, burned the wires between this town and New Orleans today in an effort to have Coffey substituted for Fred Fulton as the opponent for Jess Willard in his first battle as a defender of his title.

The cancellation of the Fulton-Willard bout, which was scheduled for New Orleans on March 4, has made Gibson hopeful of a chance for his man against the champion.

"Coffey can beat Willard," said Gibson. "All he needs is a chance. If Willard gives it to him, there'll be a new champion of the heavyweight division—and a real champion."

The calling off of the Fulton-Willard bout, which was scheduled for New Orleans on March 4, has made Gibson hopeful of a chance for his man against the champion.

And then, in a final effort to prove to the public that Fulton was a real fighter, Tommy Burns, one of the original promoters, tried to get Willard's manager to agree to Fulton meeting Coffey or Moran in an elimination bout before March 4, the winner to meet Willard. But Tom Jones turned down the proposition.

Stow, the Swarthmore Preparatory School center, is the youngest player on the team. He is tall and well built and possesses natural basketball ability. Captain McAllister and Suter seem to have landed regular berths as guards, and Farrell, Holt and Hinchman are a trio of players making a strong bid for the forward positions.

HOPKINS OF YALE BEATEN AT TENNIS

Weber, Representing Andover Academy, Wins Match in Junior Championship

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Young tennis players who are contesting for the junior indoor lawn tennis singles and doubles championships on the board courts of the 7th Regiment Armory, yesterday gained on their schedule and the survivors will enter the final stages of the tournament with the semifinal round in each title event.

The semifinals in the singles will be Merrill Butler, of Pratt Institute, against James Brakes, of Andover, in the upper bracket, and H. P. Guiler, of Columbia, and Elliot Binzen, of Fordham, in opposition in the lower section of the draw.

The doubles furnished some interesting sport, and three of the singles semifinalists earned places in the round before the final in the doubles.

National League Conclave for January 4 Is Indefinitely Called Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Announcement has been made by John Heydler, secretary of the National League, that the reconvened annual meeting of the National League, scheduled for Cincinnati, January 4, has been indefinitely postponed.

The general impression in baseball circles is that the meeting between the National Commission and the Federal League Peace Committee, called for Cincinnati, January 5, may hold over for several days, so as to make January 4 unsuitable for the National League meeting.

It is believed the officers of the National League will wait until the Federal League players have been apportioned and all peace details straightened out before reconvening the annual meeting.

SCHOOL FIELDS ARE DAMAGED BY BIG STORM

Central and Northeast High Grounds Suffer. Fences Blown Down

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

It became known today that the recent wind storm had caused considerable damage to the Northeast High School and Central High School grounds. Much of the fence had been blown down and the repairs will have to be made by the athletic associations of both schools to repair the fence and fill in the ground washed away by the rain.

Mr. Mathew C. O'Brien, chairman of the Grounds Committee, of the Central High School, was informed of the damage done at 23rd and Somerset streets and paid a visit to Houston Field. Much of the fence had been blown down and the repairs will have to be made by the athletic associations of both schools to repair the fence and fill in the ground washed away by the rain.

West Philadelphia High School and Northeast High School open the High School League basketball season next Thursday afternoon in the West Philadelphia gymnasium. Coach Hughes will probably line his men up in the initial league game as follows: Captain Haschman and Bierman, forwards; McCaskey, center; Burnett and Pinkerton, guards; Meakle and Mason will be used as forwards, if not at the start, probably before the game is long under way.

Mr. Guy Wheeler, chairman of the Athletic Committee of the Central High School, may know where the Crimston and Gold are now. They will play their league games this season.

It was announced that the opening game with Southern would probably be played at the City Athletic Club, but this is considered a very risky proposition for the league games, which are almost here.

Captain Robert Rodes and Manager Milton Pearce, of the Central High School crews, will get the candidates out soon after the students return from the Christmas vacation. The Crimston and Gold crews need a rest and the rowing machines in the gymnasium are fit for the junk pile.

These "all-star" and "alumni" teams formed by the former scholastic stars are held to be overlooked for some times out of ten in the last few months they have overwhelmed the regulars. For instance, when the St. Joseph's College players organized a "care" game with the "old grads" team, Joe Yates, captain of the 1913-14 and 1914-15 basketball teams, scored 19 of his team's 30 points.

Lower Merion High School now has an athletic field and Julian Barnard, manager of the football team, in listing his new attractions for the 1916 season, will be able to include a number of important "cat" horse contests. With this arrangement possible the students at the Lower Merion High School expect to see their athletic treasury grow.

Shahr and Franklin, guards on the Darby High School basketball team, are two speedy players. They know how to cover their opponents well and are always in the midst of the play. In Captain Forbes and Tom Christie, forwards, and Franton, the husky center man, Coach Gueter has splendid material for a winning cage team.

Philadelphia Trades School students will soon turn their attention to track work. Manager H. Gross has been arranging a schedule of meets with the high schools along with the list of events which will include a 100-yard dash, an indoor meet, which was sanctioned by the Athletic Council at a recent meeting.

Immediately upon their return to school, Captain Everett Smalley and Manager J. Byard Stewart, of Central High, will meet with the candidates out for indoor work, and Doctor O'Brien will again have his hands full as coach, in addition to his duties as physical director, referee of the Interclass Basketball League and coach of the baseball team.

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Carrigan to Become a Bench Manager

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Bill Carrigan, leader of the world's champion Red Sox, will become a bench manager, Joseph T. Lannin, owner of the Boston team, announced today.

Lannin, here with other American League magnates, also stated he would put up a fight to keep Sam Agnew, catcher, sold his team by the St. Louis Browns. Ban Johnson has ruled against the deal involving Agnew. Regarding Carrigan, Lannin said his catcher-manager would not be seen behind the bat this season, as it was enough of a job to manage the team.

HAPPY NEW YEAR JACK MCGUIGAN National A. C. National A. C.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1916. AFTERNOON NATIONAL A. C. vs. NATIONAL A. C. FRANKIE CONIFER vs. JOE MALONE EDDIE WAGOND vs. JOE MALONE JOE HILSON vs. JOE HILSON FRANKIE MCMANUS vs. JOE RIVERS

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Young Sandow vs. Bobby McLean Kid Theodor vs. Stanley Martley Ed Stewart vs. Stanley Hinkle Ed Stewart vs. Stanley Hinkle Young Tender vs. Willie Brown Joe Welch vs. Arney 1915 1916

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